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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Michael J. Fell

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**For:** METHOD AND DEVICE FOR  
MERCHANDISING A PRODUCT

**Group:** 3632

**Examiner:** Alfred J. Wujciak, III

**Our File:** MMD-PT004.1

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REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated August 16, 2002 (Paper No.2) and is submitted in conjunction with an appropriate petition for extension of time. Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please add the following new claims:

31. A product merchandising apparatus comprising:

a base having spaced apart opposed face portions that define a receiving slot between them;

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